

FISCAL NOTE

HB 3144 - SB 3537

February 21, 2008

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires juvenile-family crisis intervention programs certify in writing or through sworn testimony that court intervention is necessary when seeking resolution from the court. Requires the Department of Children's Services (DCS) notify the foster parent, adoptive parent, or relative caregiver of the right to be heard during a review or hearing regarding the child.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue – Not Significant
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

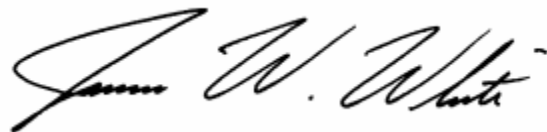
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Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- Any cost to DCS to notify the respective individuals of their right to be heard and requesting the court provide intervention in writing will not be significant and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increase appropriation or reduced reversion.
- A small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director

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